railway safety works such as construction of road over and under bridges, improvement to level crossings, including their manning etc. Thrust has been given for inclusion of these safety related works as there is an assured inflow into the fund which is non-lapsable. Through this fund, 90 road over bodges and road under bridges have been constructed, 721 unmanned level crossings have been converted into manned level crossings and 1290 level crossings have been interlocked *Further works relating to manning* of797 unmanned level crossings and 827works of Jewel crossings are in progress.. Apart from this, 443 road over bridges and road under bridges are under construction.

(c) The amount spent from the fund

Year	Amount spent (Rs. in crores)		
	Level	Road Over Bridges/ Crossings Road Under Bridges	*Total*
2002-03	*81.95*	82.12	164.07
2003-04	81.25	8494 8830	188,19
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(Provisional)

Development of Harpalpur railway station

t1930 SHRI BALVANT ALIAS BAL APTE;
PROF. R.B.S VARMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;:

(A) whether Government have any scheme to increase the facilities for passengers on link railway stations in order to attract foreigr tourists;

(b) if s*o, wherher time is* any scheme to fully develop the Harpalpur raiway station which is
and

(c) if the details details thereof?

†Original notice of She question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTEROF STATE IN THE INISTRYOF RAILWAYS(SHRIR VBLU; (a) Various facilities provided specially for foreign tourists are as under:

(i) Indtail Passes,

(ii) Foreign tourist qurta for reservatian.

(iii) Opening of Tourist Bureaus at major railway stations, and

(iv) Appointment of General Sales Agents foreign tourists,

(b) and (c) Harpallpur is a 'D' *category* station and as per bid down norms all the Minimum Essential Amenities have already been provided at this station..

Launching of low cost Palace on Wheels*

1931. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether *Government ate planning to launch a low-cost 'Palace' on* Wheels" to encourage tourism in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the *detaits* there of and the status of the proposal;

(c) whether Government would consider more such low-cost tourism oriented trains to promote tourism in other States, like Utter Pradesh and Uttaranchal: and

(d) if so, the detals thereof *and tie* status of such proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILAYS (SHR R. VELU); (a) to (d)NO, Sit, However, the Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation (RTDC) proposes to run a Metre Gauge (MG) luxury tourist train in the MG sections of Rajasthan covering Jatour,Bikaner Churu and Nawalgarh, The feasibitity of operating the train has not been detenmined Presenilly there is no other proposal for running in other S1tates,